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TODAY'S BANK CLEARINGS.
Boston sub-treasury debit, \$73,270.
Boston clearings, \$35,209,176.
New York sub-treasury credit,
\$431,460.
New York clearings, \$673,716,736.
The New York sub-treasury lost
\$2,056,000 to Banks on Friday.

Latest Submarine Disasters Cause of Great Anxiety in Washington

PLAN FOR SHOWDOWN IN TENUOUS RELATIONS

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ounced this evening that the *Glengyle* carried a gun.

The *Glengyle* was bigger than the *Peninsula* and *Oriental* firms. It displaced 2000 tons.

The *Glengyle* was owned by Metcalf, Low & Co. of Glasgow and was one of the finest steamers in the Oriental service.

Reports that the *Glengyle* was destroyed near the spot where the *Perla* was torpedoed gave rise to the belief that both may

have been attacked by the same submarine.

The heavy destruction to shipping in the Mediterranean indicates that the *Tentone* powers have a large fleet of under-water boats watching the seamer line in the Mediterranean, particularly near the Suez Canal.

The *Glengyle* was a new boat, having been built in 1914. She failed from Glasgow. Her length was five hundred feet and she was sixty-two feet in the beam. London was the ultimate destination.

Ship Unwarned, Says Survivor

London, January 3.

THE *Peninsula* and *Oriental* Steamship Company has received the following telegram from Colonel C. C. Bigham, who was among the survivors of the *Perla* disaster:

"A torpedo struck the ship on the port bow at 1:05 o'clock in the afternoon when about forty miles south of the east end of the island of Cote."

"No warning was given, nor any attempt made to avoid the torpedo. The ship was hit on the port side, as I was washed overboard when the boat capsized."

"The conduct of the passengers and crew was splendid. There was no struggling and no panic. Four boats, after fifty hours of sea, were picked up by a warship."

At least twenty-eight children were killed.

Many of the survivors were taken to Malta, and it was from that port that the captain of the liner *Perla* came to the aid of the ship.

There were only about a hundred passengers on the *Glengyle*, the captain said, and all were saved.

Ten members of the crew were missing, and it was believed that all had their lives.

The British steamer *St. Oswald* has been sunk by a submarine. It was announced this afternoon that the vessel displaced 3,180 tons and was employed in the government service.

Explosion on Ship, Following Torpedo

By International News Service.

Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 3.—Many of the lifeboats on the *Peninsula* and *Oriental* liner *Perla* were destroyed by an explosion that followed the impact of the torpedo. It was said that survivors who were landed here at Alexandria were shocked when the attack was made and all were taken by surprise. Even the captain on the ship did not see the submarine.

From London, January 3.

The torpedo struck on the starboard side between the funnel, ripping a long hole in the hull above the waterline. Survivors declared that the hole was big enough for a street car to pass through.

A great deal of water was thrown high into the air, drowning the entire ship. Immediately the liner began to roll, the rolling over and over and over again. The water poured into the gap.

Just after the torpedo struck, however, an explosion occurred on board the *Perla*, which tore away much of the upper works. Many lifeboats were destroyed and the sea was littered with debris.

Officers warned all passengers to make haste to donning life belts, as the vessel was sinking rapidly. In the meantime the ship had swung over on its side and was almost impossible to save the remaining lifeboats.

One boat filled with men, women and children was upper by a sudden lurch of the sinking ship and all the occupants were thrown into the water.

Four other boats, which had been successfully launched, were dashed to pieces with rapidity. These were found by a mine sweeper, 230 miles from Alexandria, and the survivors were brought here.

A fifth boat was alighted drifting in a southerly direction, but at last reports it had not been found.

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Among the vessels Austria claims her submarines have destroyed, the most important and the one of most interest to the United States is the *Transylvania*.

At the time the *Transylvania* was sunk, she was bound for New York, carrying a large passenger list. Then it became known that she had been threatened with destruction, she had left the coast.

The vessel was warned by wireless, and the whole country waited anxiously for news of her safe arrival in Liverpool.

No news came, and the date set for her arrival, and anxiety increased. It was reported that she had made port at Liverpool, having gone to the north of Ireland, to avoid the submarine.

Immediately after this message, the *Transylvania* was taken to sea by a large passenger list. Then it became known that she had been threatened with destruction, she had left the coast.

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PRESIDENT HASTENS BACK

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President The situation is grave.

All of the facts dealing with the submerged submarine activity both in the Mediterranean and North Seas will be presented to the President for his consideration.

He will then decide whether to call a special cabinet meeting and also whether he will confer with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Because of the attack on Alexandria, the State Department today decided to put the question of responsibility for the sinking of that vessel directly up to Austria.

Secretary Lansing called Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to ask the Austrian Foreign Office if one of its submarines torpedoed the *Perla*.

He also directed him to obtain information regarding any Austrian submarines that may be operating in the Mediterranean whose commanders have not been in touch with the Foreign Office recently.

Baron Erich Zvetzinek, charge of the Austrian Embassy, called on Secretary Lansing to assure him that if it was an Austrian submarine that sank the *Perla*, and that if the attack was not warranted, his government would "arrange a satisfactory settlement" with the United States.

"Situation Grave," Wilson Is Informed.

By International News Service.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Lansing said the President very frankly that the long distance telephone call that he considered the international situation most grave.

The President immediately directed Secretary Tamm to send a special train to Hot Springs, to carry him back to the Capital.

Lansing and Tamm held a long conference, after which the President's secretary said that the question of a special cabinet meeting would not be finally decided until the President returned, but that he believed one would be held tomorrow.

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U-Boats Sink 67 Ships

Vienna, Dec. 14.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN and German submarines sank in the Mediterranean eight troop ships, twenty-five transports and thirty-four merchantmen, with a total tonnage of about 225,325 in the last two weeks of October and the month of November, according to claims made in authoritative sources here.

The loss of 106 on the troop ships is estimated to be at least 5,000 men.

The following table shows the nationality, character and cargo of the vessels reported lost:

Nationality, Name, Register, Type, Tonnage, Date, Fate.

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GERMANS CAPTURE

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claims that the *Perla* was torpedoed without warning. Only one vessel was damaged, they stated, presented the death of every man, woman and child on board.

A dispatch from Cairo received today says that the *Perla* was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Only twelve of the first cabin passengers were saved.

Robert N. McNeely, the American who was proceeding to his post as United States consul at Aden, was given a full and complete report by a dispatch from Alexandria, stating that he was still on board the *Perla* after the sixth boat was launched. A boat had been found for him in the first boat, the dispatch added, but he had refused to take it, a woman with two little children, remaining in the boat.

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635th Weekly SALE

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DR. HASKINS

NATURAL-EYE AUTO-LENS

POSITIVELY NO GLARE

Approved by The Mass. Highway Commission

Any Size \$3.50 Per Pair

The One Lens that Qualifies Your Car

GET THE RIGHT LENS FIRST

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IMMIGRATIONS AND NATURALIZATION BAY STATE CITIES

Several cities in Massachusetts to-day inaugurated Mayors and city governments.

Mayor Russell D. Backus of Cambridge, with the other members of the new City Council and the new School Committee, took office at a ceremony which began at 10 o'clock this morning. City Clerk Braden administered the oath of office.

Guests were held in town where George A. Cornell and Thomas Campbell, 24, took office as commissioners of public property and Mayor George H. Newhall delivered an inaugural address. Judge Henry T. Lunt administered the oath of office to the new City Council and the new School Committee. Mayor Russell D. Backus of Cambridge, with the other members of the new City Council and the new School Committee, took office at a ceremony which began at 10 o'clock this morning. City Clerk Braden administered the oath of office.

Hathaway Again in New Bedford

New Bedford, Jan. 3.—Mayor Edward Hathaway was inaugurated for his second term at 10 o'clock today in the High School building. Prayer was offered by Rev. William B. Goughen and the oath of office was administered by Judge J. H. Sullivan of the Third District Court.

Prior to the inaugural exercises the City Council organized temporarily in the Municipal building. The two judges who were sworn in were sent to the High School building.

Mayor Hathaway and Judge Allen, head of a procession which marched to the High School building. Chief of Police Parker accompanied the Mayor. Mayor Hathaway was elected to a second term for two years. He was re-elected by a large majority. The Board of Aldermen and the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Public Works, were also re-elected.

Mayor of Lowell for Revaluation

Lowell, Jan. 3.—Mayor James E. O'Donnell today advocated in an unusually brief inaugural address the need to revalue Lowell property for the purpose of not only adding to the city revenues, but also to adjust inequities of assessment.

In connection with a proposed new high school, costing \$100,000, he asked for an expression of sentiment from citizens and also suggested the appointment of a commission of five to revalue the city property.

Others taking part in the ceremony were James E. O'Donnell and Charles J. Bates, elected as commissioners.

Bates of Quincy for Lower Taxes

Quincy, Jan. 3.—Mayor Gustave B. Bates of Quincy declared today in his inaugural address that he would endeavor to lower taxes in taxable property in that city which had never been taxed before.

He asserted that by so doing he could guarantee a tax rate of 15 for the coming year, in place of the present rate of 17.

Mayor Bates scored his audacious declaration by saying that the department heads responsible for the present water rates being exacted.

He said that he would also petition the Legislature to vacate the decision which provides for the abolition of grade crossings, as he believes in depressed rather than elevated crossings.

Johnson of Woburn for Fewer Police

The inauguration of Mayor Harry Johnson of Woburn, who is serving a second term, took place today at 10 o'clock in that city at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mayor Johnson is the son of Edward P. Johnson, the first Mayor of Woburn, who is at present a Judge of the Fourth District Court.

The oath of office was administered by Judge J. H. Sullivan, and the Mayor was accompanied by the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Public Works.

Mayor Johnson, who is a Republican, said that he carried out practically every recommendation he made in his inaugural address. Today he received a letter from the Board of Aldermen of Woburn, asking for a reduction of the police force, and the Mayor said that he would consider the matter.

Nan Bates' Fight for New Divorce Trial on Today

Nan Corrigan Bates, former newspaper girl, who offers evidence for a new hearing of a suit for divorce from Attleboro millionaire.

Attleboro, Jan. 3.—Nan Corrigan Bates, former newspaper girl, who offers evidence for a new hearing of a suit for divorce from Attleboro millionaire, Frank M. Bates, was heard today in the Superior Court.

The case was heard by Judge J. H. Sullivan, who is presiding over the divorce cases in the Superior Court.

Mr. Bates, through his counsel, John H. Cady, declares that she has evidence which will result in securing a new trial and that she will fight until she obtains a legal separation from her husband.

Mr. Corrigan was employed on the newspaper of the Hotel Vanderbilt in New York city, when she was wooed and won by Frank M. Bates, a rich young member of Attleboro.

GLoucester's SHOCKED BY PRAYER

Gloucester, Jan. 3.—In addressing the mayor at the inaugural exercises at City Hall today, Rev. Layton Powers started an audience of 1,000 people with a prayer which shocked the people.

"We wish, O God, that these people might be blessed, but perhaps they are asking too much. It may be that the only thing you can do for them is to let them go, where they belong."

The starting climax to a prayer replete with sensational phrases in the talk of the city.

The prayer of Rev. Mr. Powers followed the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Cunningham Ousted by Mayor Rockwood

Financial recklessness and extravagance have marked previous administrations," said Wendell P. Rockwood, the newly-elected Mayor of Cambridge, in assuming office today.

After assuming office his first official act was to remove Harry C. Cunningham, commissioner of public safety.

Mayor Rockwood departed from the time-honored custom of delivering an inaugural message. Instead, he said he intended to send messages to the members of the City Council.

Mayor Rockwood said that he had been elected to drive an inaugural when a Mayor assumes office, but there are many important matters to be discussed that he has decided to leave to one of his assistants.

There had been financial recklessness and extravagance which has marked previous administrations, he said. We must economize and we must develop the city.

NORWEGIAN SHIP HAS ROUGH TRIP

The Norwegian steamer *Brake* has arrived at the Mystic Dock from New York, having had a rough trip.

The ship was loaded with cargo and passengers. It was reported that the trip was not without incident.

SCOUTS REPORT VILLA EXECUTED

Chicago, Jan. 3.—A report from the scouts of the Villa, who were captured by the American forces, stated that the Villa had been executed.

The report was received from a reliable source. It was said that the Villa had been found dead in a ditch.

BISHOP LEADS FUND CAMPAIGN

Bishop William Lawrence announced today that he would lead a fund campaign for the construction of a new church in the city.

The campaign was to be held in the city of Boston. The Bishop said that he would be personally in charge of the campaign.

DEDICATE GIRLS' CLUB AT BEVERLY

Beverly, Jan. 3.—The new girls' club at Beverly was dedicated today. The club was named the "Dedicate Girls' Club."

The dedication was held in the new building. The girls of the club were present at the ceremony.

ASK FOR GET HORLICK'S THE ORIGINAL MALTED MILK

Special Notice.
ASK FOR GET HORLICK'S THE ORIGINAL MALTED MILK. Cheap substitutes cost YOU more price.

A "Special Sale" in this store means much to the economy- seeking public, as thousands have found out.

Jordan Marsh Company

Our Most Successful Annual January Mark-Down Sale

Begins Its Second Week Auspiciously

With Many Fine Lots of Merchandise Still Remaining and Many Additional Lots to Replenish Those Depleted in the First Week's Selling

Both of our immense buildings contribute much of their best merchandise at reduced prices for a quick clearance. This year particularly the values in our January Mark-Down Sale are stronger than ever, as the phenomenal business of the first week's selling has borne out.

Fine Goods in This Sale Marked at Unusual Reductions

- WOMEN'S COATS
149 WOMEN'S STREET AND GENERAL UTIL. COATS. Here is a splendid lot of coats, some of them made of fine materials. Original values 2.00 to 2.50. Sale price 1.50 to 2.00.
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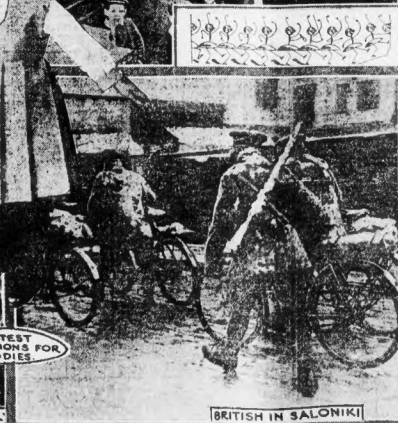
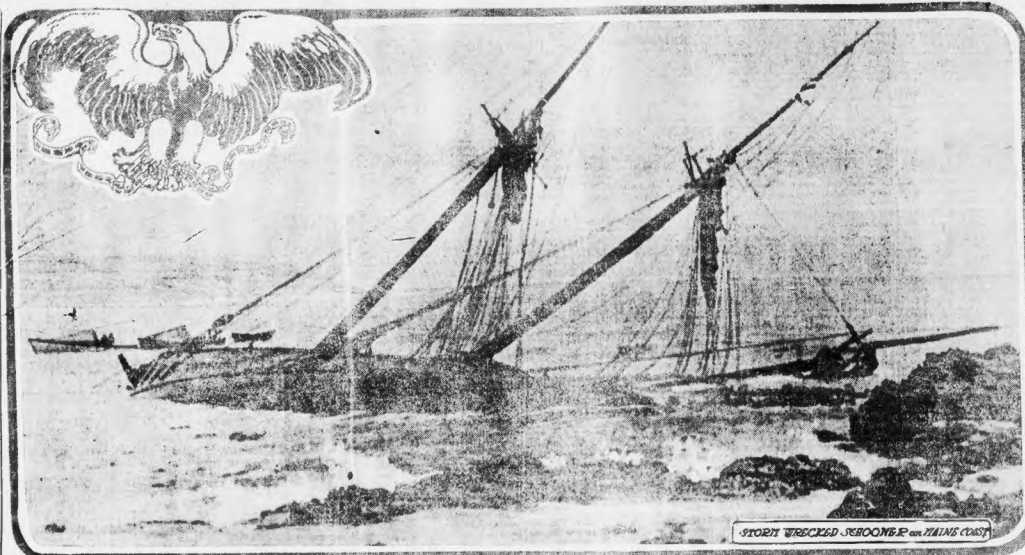
Peace pilgrims at play before the Hearst-Vitagraph camera, aboard the Ford Peace Ship.

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Remarkable film caught by the Hearst-Vitagraph Camera men off the coast of Maine, showing a schooner actually breaking up during a terrific storm.

"Kiddies" pose in fashions.

T. E. ("Tom") Powers and his "Joys" and "Glooms."



HEARST VITAGRAPH POCKET MEMORANDUM of where to go

Theatres Showing Reel No. 1

BOSTON, MASS.

BIJOU THEATRE (Jan. 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12) Washington St.
KEITH'S THEATRE (Jan. 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12) Washington St.
BOSTON THEATRE (Jan. 10, 11, 12) Washington St.
FENWAY THEATRE (Jan. 6, 7, 8) Massachusetts Ave.

MASSACHUSETTS

MYSTIC THEATRE (Jan. 19, 20) Malden
STAR THEATRE (Jan. 12, 17) North Brookfield
BLANCHARD'S THEATRE (Jan. 12) Southbridge
PARK (Jan. 10) Spencer
MUSIC HALL (Jan. 9) Worcester
PLEASANT ST. THEATRE (Jan. 6, 7, 8) Worcester
PREMIER THEATRE (Jan. 10, 11, 14, 15) Norwood

MAINE

DREAMLAND (Jan. 10, 11, 14, 15) Bath
CUMBERLAND THEATRE (Jan. 10, 11) Brunswick

NEW HAMPSHIRE

STAR (Jan. 12, 14) Dover

VERMONT

GLOBE THEATRE (Jan. 14) St. Johnsbury
BENNINGTON OPERA HOUSE (Jan. 14, 18) Bennington

RHODE ISLAND

PARK (Jan. 12, 13) Woonsocket
EMERY (Jan. 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12) Providence

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Former Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Armies

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"Assured of Success by Clear Vision of Danger"

By M. Sergius Sazonoff
Minister of Foreign Affairs for Russia

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Gen. Garibaldi Sees "Victorious End"

By General Ricciotti Garibaldi

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Now Report That Kaiser Has Cancer of the Lip

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His ailment, they asserted, is of a cancerous nature and affects the throat and mouth, making it impossible for the Kaiser to take solid food.

One report in Berlin, according to the travelers, is that a cancerous growth has attacked the Kaiser's lips, making necessary an operation that will scar him for life.

Flirts Keep Out, American Asked To Help Find Missing Mother

Young women, who are "refined church members and not flirts" are asked to correspond with a young man in Idaho Falls, Idaho, from whom a letter was received by Postmaster Murray today. The letter, dated December 27, reads:

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The city of Alexandria, when arrived at Alexandria on December 1, reported that she was pursued, fired upon, and finally being hit, and finally escaped the submarine

FAVORS EXPERT TO WATCH OVER SMALL LOANS

Supervisor of Loan Agents Frank H. Lepe, in his report to the Legislature for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1916, made public today, recommends a standard system of bookkeeping for all small loan agents, the addition of an expert accountant in his department and an increase in his office force sufficient to conduct a small loan "clearing house" of information. In his report he says:

The real problem, which has confronted me since assuming the duties of Supervisor of Loan Agencies has been in regard to supervision without sufficient power to supervise definitely.

The leading question in regard to the business of making small loans is relative to the charges and the interest therefor, to determine which, it seems to me, there has never been sufficient effort made.

Yet to reach the proper answer to the query appears to be a very simple matter.

It seems that this may be ascertained, so far as the money lenders

are concerned, my opinion is that there should be established by the supervisor a standardized method of keeping the books of the licensed money lenders; then there should be an accountant connected with this department who would be in close touch at all times with the money lenders. By this process there could be determined in time just what rates ought to be charged. This is the only way to protect the borrower from the loan sharks, but then the loan business has been the same number of

Under the "clearing house" system if there was suspicion that the family bread-winner was a borrower, and it was desired to do the borrower over, the lender would provide blank notices to the lenders, forbidding

**JUDGE STEVENS IS
DOWN WITH GRIPPE**

Judge W. B. Stevens of the Superior Court was unable to preside at his session today, and a substitute was provided. Judge Stevens is ill at his home in Stoneham, suffering from an attack of grippe. It was said at his home that he would be unable to attend court this week.

BOAK IS HELD FOR BOSTON POLICE

Washington, Jan. 2.—Frank G. Boak, forty-eight, a salesman at Fletcher street, Boston, said he was wanted there on several charges of forgery, has been arrested here and is being held for Boston authorities.

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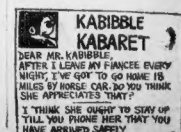
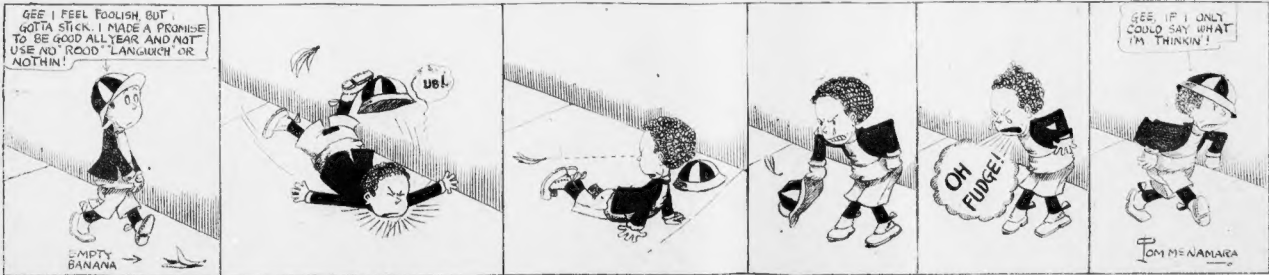
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Monday, January 3, 1916

Public Sentiment Should Compel Peace Action

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These stirrings for peace are the manifestations of instinct in men which tells them that this war cannot be fought to a finish, because such a war under such conditions of equality between the belligerents means annihilation of the white race, the inevitable sucking into the war's vortex of the neutral nations, the devastating of all the white man's forces and the wrecking of the white man's civilization.

Not one of the public officials of America or of any of the neutral countries, not one of the leaders of public thought and action, official or private, but realizes that sooner or later, before either party is exhausted, this war must cease.

They know that the contest is too even, the resources of the belligerents are too well matched, to permit any prospect of the defeat of one side until the other side lies almost equally prostrate.

Greater efficiency, greater unity of purpose and superior strategic positions which permit them to concentrate more rapidly in any direction and thus to hold the initiative, so far have more than compensated Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria for their inferiority in numbers.

It is a military axiom that victory goes, not to the potential numbers, but to numbers in actual point of contact. The interior position of the central powers gives them the command of the initiative which their efficiency and unity enable them to employ to its fullest advantage and has so far given them the victory everywhere except in France.

The war is now a year and a half old, and in every direction the central powers have extended their territory. They are now holding subject millions of their enemies' people and thousands of square miles of their enemies' territory, and they have not yet been obliged to assume the defensive.

They have been strong enough to storm the defensive positions of their enemies, to advance over marshes and rivers and mountains, through snows and canyons, in strange territory without the benefit of railroads which their enemies defending their own country had.

If with all their alleged inferiority of numbers the central powers can thus overcome their enemy under such disadvantageous circumstances, what will be the number of allied troops required to defeat them when they take the defensive and the entente allies are obliged in their turn to cross mountains and canyons and rivers and marshes, with no railroads to help them while the central powers act on the defensive behind the barriers of nature and supplied with the great railroads at their rear?

It will require "odds beyond arithmetic" to take the initiative from the central powers and to force them back into their own territory, and even then the war will only have just begun. And yet 15,000,000 men, the flower of the white race, have already fallen!

When every intelligent human being knows that such a war cannot be fought to a finish, then everybody knows that now is the best time to begin the work of establishing peace.

Peace awaits the organized action of the neutral white nations; waits upon the courage of the leaders of the public thought official or private, in America alone.

Every man who has any leadership in our American life, who does not stir himself to promote an organized movement among the governments of the world for peace, will have on his conscience some responsibility for the men who will fall needlessly in this terrible contest which may thus be uselessly prolonged.

Since the AMERICAN began four months ago to agitate for peace and urged our government to organize all the neutral powers for peace, nearly two million more men have fallen.

Why does the American government hesitate to take some action?

Perhaps the President and Congress are waiting for instructions from the American people. If they want to hear the voice of the people, let us raise it so it may be heard in Washington for peace.

Let us make it clear to our public servants, those who represent us before the world, that we want them to put the power of this nation on the side of peace by every means short of blood-shedding that can be devised.

We know that it is not the exception but the rule that wars are stopped by a combination of neutral powers before the weaker belligerent is extinguished. We know that most of the boundaries of Europe have been determined by neutral nations who interposed to maintain the balance of power and to prevent the wiping out of a defeated enemy by its victor.

Our interference has a nobler purpose than the mere maintenance of a balance of power. We must interfere for the salvation of the white race.

Let us hold public meetings everywhere to pass resolutions in favor of the organization of the neutral countries both for the maintenance of neutral rights and for the creation of a power capable of stopping this war.

Let us compel our government by the overwhelming force of public sentiment to take the leadership in this movement which must come sooner or later, if not under the leadership of the United States, then under the leadership of some smaller but nobler nation.

Once-Overs

Often when you see a man who is a down-and-out, you say, "Isn't that too bad," but you don't make any effort to assist him to a better life.

There are many "thams" who might be respected citizens if they had been given the right sort of help and encouragement when they were in need of it.

They have had hard luck; they have become discouraged; their friends turned against them and they are drifting downward.

Tragically you know men of this sort.

If you have not tried to help them you are partially to blame for their downfall.

It shouldn't be a difficult thing for you to have a talk with a man whom you know to be discouraged. Now this will help a great deal, but it is not all you should do. If he is out of a job, you should help him to land one. If he is hungry, you should try to satisfy his immediate needs. If his family are in want, you should lend a hand to help them.

Many men become abandoned because they are unable to meet the family expenses, and do not know how to go about it to work out their problem. Help at the right moment might have saved them.

Help a man when he's beginning to slip instead of looking at him when he has hit the bottom of the hill and saying "You had!"

Milestones in the March of Public Ownership

IN the Borough of Brooklyn the electric light charge for residences is 12 cents per k. w. It is furnished by a private company. Kansas City, Kansas, is furnished by a publicly owned plant and pays from 6 to 3 cents for lighting and from 2 to 1½ cents for power.

The privately owned plant has announced recently that it will no longer compete with the municipal-owned plant, but will confine itself to the other side of the river, Kansas City, Mo., where there is no public-owned plant.

OUR street is very quiet. We journey to and fro. Past houses bleak and empty. And covered deep with snow. For nearly all our neighbors. Long since have gone away. To travel through the southland. Until the first of May.

THE wealthy Robin family. Left home the first of all. They've been, we hear at Ormonde. Since early in the fall. And little Miss Oriole. Last season's reigning peach. Is wearing regal costumes. To sit 'em at Palm Beach.

STILL it's something. The half million dollars the Pullman Company has distributed among its employees will give the majority of a quarter tip per trip to every porter on the line. P. R.—When we note the words tip and porter and trip and porter

More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague

Nothing to Wear

AND even old man Blue-Jay is belling at his ease. And wearing all the latest things. Beside the Summer seas. And as for Signor Hermit Thrush. I know that all day long. The thickets of palmetto. Re-echo with his song.

BUT still we have the Snowbirds. We see them now and then; You know the lady, I suppose. She looks like Jenny Wren. She struts about and tries to act. As if she didn't care. But she can't go to Florida— SHE HAS NO CLOTHES TO WEAR

THEY might afford the trip, of course; But everybody knows. One can't be happy on a tour Unless one has the clothes. And very well she understands. What people all would say. If she turned up at a resort. In that old suit of gray.

AND so while all the wealthy. In costumes like the flowers. Beneath the perfumed tangle trees. Are spending happy hours. Poor little Mrs. Snowbird. Still pines a cheerful song. And acts as if she liked to stay. At home all Winter long!

Ever Read "Alone in Cuba"? When Secretary Garrison says Colonel Roosevelt reduced the army by 11,000, the Colonel's admirers think he must mean the Spanish army.

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THE BEST RESOLUTION THAT CAN BE MADE

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The Grip

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PART ONE
ONE touch of sneezing makes the whole world kin. Even this time of world-shaking Armageddons and battering thunders and swerving national credits, the burning question of the day everywhere, upon the street, in the cars, at public assemblies, is: "Have you got it?"

In fact, so nearly simultaneously does the question rise to our lips whenever we meet a friend, that the greeting is almost antiphonal, or responsive, like the Christian salutations in Russia—one exclaiming giving half, and the other the second half, or the cheerful "Gott strafe" vocal epidemic, which is now raging in Central Europe.

Misery Loves Company

There is even a sort of consolation about its ubiquity, because misery dearly loves company, and among the minor pleasures of life and most popular indoor sports are the fear in the cheerful sympathetic swapping of symptoms.

One, however, of the subconscious consolations which we give ourselves about it is a pure illusion, and that is that there is anything modern or rehearse and up-to-date about it.

On the contrary, it is of a most respectable, not to say venerable, antiquity; many of our good things are new, but most of our ills are old, very old.

World epidemics of the grip under various names have been clearly recognized ever since the fourteenth century, and would probably have been so earlier had medical and official reporters been sufficiently intelligent.

Its very name, influenza, goes back to the Middle Ages and commemorates the popular Italian belief that it was due to the malignant "influence" of a star, or a comet, or some other of the heavenly bodies on account of the rapidity and universality of its spread.

At least four clear-cut and world-encircling epidemics of it have been recorded in the nineteenth century, as well as many minor and local ones, the last of which was in 1889-90, with several echoes and secondary reappearances in the decade following. The earliest of the four is said to have put the armies of both Napoleon and Wellington in the Peninsula campaign practically out of business for several weeks and to have attacked and prostrated nearly a third of the population of the Spanish Peninsula within four or five days.

Where It Comes From

Its origin now is fairly clear and is no more heavenly than are the sensations which it produces. It does not come down from above in any sense, but up from below, from dirt; plain, dirty, sticky, steamy human dirt; the kind that comes from overexposure and infrequent ablutions and perpetual seating in the steam of other people's breath. Like many other things good and bad it comes from the East. The earlier great epidemics always started in Russia and in the remotest and most wretched provinces at that, so that in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries it was known as the "Russian influenza."

This, however, was an injustice to the Great White Empire, for a little investigation quickly showed that it came into Russia with the tea caravans from Western China. Western China had caught it from Central, and finally it was traced back to that great seething human sea and hive, the Yungtse-Kiang Valley.

Here or in the sweltering rice slums to the south start all our great world pestilences which we are able to trace to their beginning, the black death, smallpox and cholera, and it is also believed to be the native home of typhoid, tuberculosis and pneumonia. This is the real Yellow Peril, and the conviction is steadily growing among sanitarians that to check in China would be to enormously protect the whole civilized world.

In-Shoots

The humble man driving a span of mules is more to be admired than the well dressed trainer of a troupe of performing dogs.

If George Washington had chopped a cord of wood instead of that cherry sapling, he would not have disgraced the pages of juvenile literature.

It is all right to listen to foolish advice if you do not follow it.

As a rule a woman can accomplish more by tears than smiles.

The person discontented on the lookout for flaws is the most undesirable companion that a human being can select.